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A page was missing from the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, and it did not indicate a response deadline. Therefore, the Examiner told the undersigned by telephone on April 28, 2003, that the March 18 Office Action would be cancelled and a replacement Office Action would be issued to replace it.

While awaiting the new Office Action, it is considered prudent to submit the following information. If the new Office Action has not issued yet, this information may make it unnecessary.

The Examiner has identified two species of the claimed invention: Species 1, Figures 1-14; and Species 2, Figures 15-27. The applicants elect Species 2, without traverse.

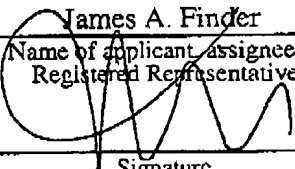
(Claims 56-62 and 70-72 are considered to be generic. Claims 40-53 and 63-69 correspond to Species 2. Therefore, examination of claims 40-53 and 56-72 is requested.

05/07/2003 VHART1 00000002 150700 09/787326 No fees are due, since no response period is now running. If, however, the Patent Office considers any fees to be due, they may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700; and in

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